



NEWSLETTER

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PRÉSIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Okay, it's safe to say I'm not going to have a career with *Liz and Marianne* demonstrating the latest techniques and tools but I hoped you enjoyed the next installment in our techniques wall-hanging. I would love to see how you're making out, so bring in your completed pineapples and side-panels.

Thanks go out to Donna, Judy, Maxine and Senora for preparing and presenting our May demo's. I think demonstrations are a great way to experience a new technique or refresh yourself with an old one.

June's meeting will find us checking out your self-portraits as well as enjoying a presentation from Elizabeth Dillinger, then off for some *shop-hopping* on Saturday, June 5th.

Maxine and Judy have been very busy planning our program for us – I've had a sneak peak and it looks exciting! Stay tuned to our web-site for details to be posted.

On a personal note I have been sewing – I know some of you didn't know I could, but I *can* and I'm going to bring in some show and tell!

Happy Quilting,

Brenda

Next meeting is Tuesday, June 1st, 2010.

Special thanks to all who brought Show 'n Tell items to our May meeting. This is always a meeting highlight, but it was an extra treat to see all the “special” quilts: to honour many quilters who came before us, to take a look at some of our early efforts and to share the stories that go along with these wonderful quilts.

~ Coming in June ~



Self-portraits – How is your self portrait quilt coming along ?

Straighten your hair and check your lipstick. It's time to get those last stitches in place ! The big unveiling is scheduled for our June meeting.

Please keep your portrait under wraps - We'll try to guess "Who's Who ??"

Quilting Corners Lapel Pins will be available for purchase – only \$ 5.

A Special Guest - Elizabeth Dillinger from Art of Fabric will be our guest speaker and will present her trunk show. Elizabeth has won several prestigious awards, including 1st Place at the National Quilt Festival. Her quilts feature traditional piecing with raw edge appliqué with an emphasis on thread painting and freestyle machine quilting. She has been featured in such magazines as Quilter's Newsletter, Quiltmaker, and the Canadian magazine, Needle Pulling Thread.. Her trunk show promises to provide an evening of inspiration.



Mystery Row Quilt Making some progress on your Mystery Row Quilt ? We'd love to see your works-in-progress at the June meeting !

June is also our potluck dinner.

~ Another Trunk Show from Cotton by Post ~

If you enjoyed the Quilts from Ireland Trunk Show from Cotton by Post, don't miss our September meeting. They are scheduled to dazzle us again with an all new trunk show. Mark your calendars to reserve September 7th !

~ In Other News ~

The **Program Committee** is still looking for a few additional members. If you'd like to join the committee and add your input into our monthly meeting programs, please contact Judy or Maxine.

Do you have a technique you struggle with ? Maybe it's y-seams or mitered borders ? (I know I wish I could get those bulky intersections to press nicely). Please let Judy or Maxine know and we'll try to offer some solutions at a future meeting.

A Few Things to think about...Do you have a favourite gadget ? Maybe a LEAST-favourite gadget ? Or one you're not quite sure how to use ? We'll be delving into these matters at an upcoming meeting

Is there a speaker/trunk show/demonstration you'd like to see ? Even some constructive criticism ? Please pass these along to Judy or Maxine, too.

~ Volunteers Needed ~ The Rail Fence Quilt Project



We need YOUR artistic talent. The Rail Fence Blocks stitched up during our InterGuild Meeting need to be laid out and sewn into a quilt top.

If you've got a few hours to devote to completing this project, please get involved. A few extra hands will get this job done in a jiffy (or two).

~ Simcoe County Quilt, Rug and Craft Fair ~

The Simcoe County Quilt, Rug and Craft Fair runs from September 17-19 at the Simcoe County Museum. Organizers are calling for Quilt entries, Corner Store items, volunteers and demonstrators. Some dates to keep in mind;

July 30 – Final date for Quilt and Quilt Related Items Intent Forms.
July 30 – Volunteer Intent Form deadline
Hours available all days – September 13-19

September 13 10am – 1 pm Drop off all Quilts and Related items
Drop off all Corner Store items

The following forms are to be handed into to Vi NO Later than August 2, 2010, Intent to place quilt/quilts in show, Intent to do a Demonstration at the show and also the Intent to Volunteer. Hope to see you there,



It's your chance to be a Super Shopper !

Or, just do some window shopping, take in some demos and find some inspiration with lots of fabric and friends. What better way to spend the day ? Plans for the **June 5th Shop Hop Bus Tour** have been finalized.

We leave Alliston for our first stop – **Sew Sisters** where we'll see a presentation of all that's new from Spring Market. Then it's on to **Art of Fabric** and demos on Sun Painting and Embellishments. By then we'll need some refueling at the **Black Dog Pub** and then on to our final stop – **Cock-a-Doodle Quilts** and a demonstration on a Japanese quilting technique, Sashiko. We'll board our coach one last time and return to Alliston around 5 pm.

Dust off your charge card and join us for a day of shopping, demos, camaraderie, fabric, and good eats.

A note about lunch – to keep our day on schedule, we will need to pre-order our luncheon selections. Please visit Blackdogpub.tv to view their menu. Lunch prices average \$ 15 + beverage and are not included in the tour cost.

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~ Fall Challenge ~



Coming soon !

It's gonna be *SCARY !!*

Keep an eye out for details at our July meeting.

TIPS

If you have a hand sewing or quilting project on the go, try to leave a needle threaded and ready-to-go when you set down your project. That way if you have just a few minutes to sew, you're more apt to pick up the project and get a few stitches in. But, never leave pins, needles or hoops parked in your works-in-progress for an extended period. Over time, they can all leave difficult stains or creases.

Marking your quilt:

Never iron over a marked line that you need to remove later. The heat will set the marking and make it difficult, if not impossible, to remove.

Only use water-soluble blue markers on items that will be laundered on completion. If not rinsed well, those blue lines will show up again.

Crayola WASHABLE markers are great for marking quilts that will be washed after completion. The box has a rainbow of colours to suit almost any marking need. Just be sure to follow the laundry instructions on the Crayola box.

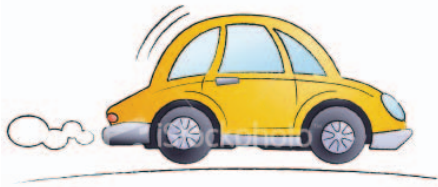
Never use a laundry pre-treat product (such as Spray 'n Wash) on markings to be removed. They can set the markers.

Whatever marking method you choose, use the lightest and least amount of marking necessary.

Always test whether the markers can be removed on a scrap of your quilt fabric.

Finally, don't wait too long to remove the marks. You just never know if they'll come out.

Have a tip, your own story, an upcoming event to share ? Let us know.



~ Out & About ~

May 25-29 - St Jacob's Merchant Mall at
the Woolwich Community Centre

This is also the tea room at the local quilt show.
www.stjacobs.com (Click on the quilt logo).

June 1 - Quilting Corners Guild Meeting
Last day for Bus Tour Lunch Orders

June 5 - Quilting Corners Shop Hop Bus Tour

July 10-11 A Stitch in Time 2010, Prince Edward County Quilter's Guild
Prince Edward Community Centre Fairgrounds, Picton
Email: mjtucker@sympatico.ca or 613-476-0334
www.pec.on.ca/quiltersguild

July 14 – 18 - Quilts in my Garden presented by Meaford Quilters
www.meafordmuseum.ca or to order tickets call 877-538-0463

July 23-25 Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild presents Journeys Quilt Show.
Haliburton Curling Club, Admission, \$ 6. Info: 705-455-9212.
Featured Quilter – Kim Bolender

- Aug 9 – 14 International Quilt Exhibition, London Convention Centre
Classes, slide show lectures, 100 quilts on display.
Featuring the Quilts of Gees Bend. www.cotton-by-post.com
- Sept 10-12 - Quilting at the Lakes Autumn Splendor presented by Buckhorn
Area Quilter's Guild. Buckhorn Community Centre
1801 Lakehurst Rd. www.buckhornquilters.ca.
- Sept 17-19th - Quilt, Rug and Craft Fair at the Simcoe County Museum.
Friday and Saturday, 9:30-5, Sunday 9:30-4.
Museum.simcoe.ca
- October 23-24 - The Magic of Cloth – Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild
The Orangeville Fairgrounds, Admission is \$ 5.
- October 29-30 - Harvest of Quilts, Curham Trilium Quilters Guild
General Sikorski Polish Veteran's Hall, Oshawa
Email: dtqgquiltshow@yahoo.ca

~ Don't Forget ~



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Things to bring to the June meeting

- Mystery Row Quilt – in progress
- Self-Portrait Quilts
- Pot Luck items AND your table setting
- Bus Tour Registration, luncheon selection
- Show 'n Tell
- Tips, newsletter submissions
- Program suggestions
- Library books, coffee cup, raffle money